

April 5

1 Esdras 8:7, Ezra 7:10

**“Skilled in Truth:
A Protection”**

LAW
Commandments
Ordinances
Judgments
Statutes
Word of God

For Esdras had **very great skill**,
so that he omitted nothing of the
law and commandments of the Lord,
but taught Israel the ordinances
and judgments.
(1 Esdras 8:7)



1 Esdras 8:7

“For Esdras had VERY GREAT SKILL, so that he omitted nothing of the LAW and **COMMANDMENTS** of the Lord, but taught all Israel the ORDINANCES and JUDGMENTS.”

Ezra 7:10

“For Ezra had prepared his **heart** to seek the LAW of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel STATUTES and JUDGMENTS.”

Esdras (Ezra) was very skillful in the law of the Lord. He didn't omit anything concerning the law, ordinances, commandments, judgments, and statutes of God.

Why is that significant?

If you thought you had to know every letter of the

English alphabet or your
job, business, or your
entire family may
severely suffer, wouldn't
you want to be sure you
knew every letter from A
to Z well?

You may not only want to
know how to identify each
letter, but you may want
to be sure of the
pronunciations as well as
the sounds each character

made. You would want to be sure of the correct form or shape of each letter when writing both upper and lower cases. You may also find out the exact order of the letters in relation to the entire alphabet or even the history of each letter. If you were determined to know more, you might be prepared with a few

words that began with each letter and know how to sing the alphabet song. You might even learn to recite the alphabet both forward and backward. You could study to know the numerical equivalent of each letter such as “B” is number 2 (the second letter) and “J” is number 10. You’d likely want to know all you could know

if that was what it took
for protection against
unnecessary hardship.

Right?

That was a heart-felt
desire for Esdras and he
explained to the king, in
detail, how to avoid major
problems. The king took
the warning seriously as
he wanted protection,
rather than God's wrath,

on his kingdom and
personal life.

Do we sometimes fail to
see the benefit of being
skillful in Scripture?

Could understanding and
applying as much
scriptural text as we have
available protect us from
pitfalls which could be
prevented?

1 Esdras 8:21 Let all things be performed after the LAW of God diligently unto the most high God, that wrath come not upon the kingdom of the king and his sons.

Ezra 7:23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

How might we
become proficient
in awareness and
comprehension of
all God would
have for us?

